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Dear Friend,

New security measures are being implemented beginning Tuesday, June 1, 2004 in the Anderson House Office Building. The need for security is one that is necessitated in today's environment. The plan as developed is designed to provide a safe work environment for House members and staff, efficient access for frequent visitors, and a welcoming, secured environment for all others who enter the House Office Building.

I recognize the important role that the public plays in the legislative process. Because of that, I have tried to craft a security strategy that recognizes your needs, as well as accomplishes my responsibility to provide a safe environment for Representatives, employees, and visitors.

The House of Representatives has an obligation to allow anonymous access to the Committee Rooms. To achieve this goal, while still providing security, guests traveling to the committee rooms will be given an unnumbered adhesive visitor badge and asked to use the elevator bank accessing the 3rd and 5th floors only.

In order to access Representatives' offices and other areas of the Anderson House Office Building, I invite you and any member of the general public who wishes to register to obtain a Frequent Visitor Card. By going through a one-time registration process per two-year legislative session, you may receive a yellow access card. Once registered, you will be able to travel throughout the House Office Building to Representative's Offices without going through a daily "check-in" process.

If you do not wish to register for a Frequent Visitor Card, but wish to visit Representatives' offices, you will be asked to "check-in" with our House sergeants. You will be stopped in the South Tower Lobby and asked to sign in with your name and address. As a guest, you will receive a numbered adhesive visitor badge, and be allowed to enter the building.

Over the course of the next several weeks, the elevator lobbies on the 3rd and 5th floors will be rebuilt and swipe access for Representatives and House employees added. Members and staff wishing to access the main bank of elevators into the main office sections of the building will need to use their swipe cards. Visitors will not be allowed access to the main bank of elevators from the committee rooms.

As more of the security plan is implemented, I commit to keeping you informed of developments affecting you and your safety. I look forward to continuing to work together to provide a safe environment for all Representatives, staff, and visitors. Please contact Tricia Keith, Director of the Business Office, at 517.373.6339 with questions.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Johnson".

Rick Johnson
Speaker of the House